Proposal for amendments to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 46 (Devices for indirect vision)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) clarifying the transitional provisions of the 03 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 46. It is based on informal document GRSG-104-25. The modifications are marked in bold characters.

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I. Proposal

Paragraphs 21.6. and 21.7., amend to read:

"21.6. Approvals which were granted to devices for indirect vision of Classes I or III pursuant to this Regulation in its original form (00 series) or modified by the 01 or 02 series of amendments before the date of entry into force of this series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties shall continue to accept them. Contracting Parties shall not refuse to grant extensions to approvals granted to the original version, the 01 or 02 series of amendments.

21.7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 21.2., approvals which were granted to mirrors of Classes II, IV, V, VI or VII pursuant to this Regulation as modified by the 02 series of amendments before the date of entry into force of this series of amendments shall remain valid and Contracting Parties shall continue to accept them. Contracting Parties shall not refuse to grant extensions to approvals granted to the 02 series of amendments."

II. Justification

1. The current text of the transitional provisions in UN Regulation No. 46 lacks clarity of provisions for devices:
   (a) in the case of an extension to approvals to the 03 series of amendments;
   (b) in the case of approvals to the 02 series of amendments;
   (c) intended to be sold as aftermarket products.

2. Amendments to paragraph 21.6.:

   The current text of the paragraph specifies that approvals granted according to the original version, the 01 or 02 series of amendments for devices of Classes I or III before the date of the entry into force of the 03 series of amendments remain valid. Thus, the paragraph lacks provisions for the extensions to approvals granted to the original version, the 01 or 02 series of amendments. The proposal clarifies the wording to allow extensions of approvals.

3. Amendments to paragraph 21.7.:

   The current text of the paragraph specifies that, in spite of the date of entry into force of the 03 series of amendments, type approvals granted according to the 02 series of amendments for mirrors of Classes II, IV, V, VI or VII before the date of the entry into force of the 03 series remains valid. Thus, the paragraph lacks provisions for the extensions to approvals granted to the 02 series of amendments. The proposal clarifies this wording to allow extensions of approvals.